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OUR BACKYARD

An agricultural newsletter by Hardin County AgriLife Extension



Meet the Agent

Howdy!

By now many of you may have heard that I am the new Hardin County Extension Agent for Agriculture and Natural Resources. I have always had a passion for production agriculture and am excited to have a chance to work hand in hand to support your operations. Before coming to extension I was in my fifth year of teaching agricultural science classes.

Please do not hesitate to call, email, or stop by the office if you have a problem or would just like to talk. I want to learn about your operations and what I can do to help you. Please let me know of any programs that you have attended in the past that you would like to see again, or brand new ideas that you would like to see in the future.

Katie A. Pace | Hardin County Extension Agent

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reads

Each month I will add in a little something that I believe could provide insight or be beneficial. If you have any submissions you would like to see in this section please contact me.

Citrus Greening Quarantine Expands

By: Adam Russell Adapted by: Katie Pace

The citrus greening quarantine has expanded to Brazoria, Galveston, Harris, Fort Bend, and Montgomery Counties, according to Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service experts. This makes over two dozen Texas counties located primarily in South Texas and the Coastal Bend to have citrus greening quarantines.

Citrus greening is one of the most serious citrus plant disease in the world. The disease poses no threat to humans or animals but has ruined millions of acres of citrus crops throughout the U.S. and abroad.

Citrus greening is a devastating bacterial disease that affects the production, quality and appearance of citrus and ornamental trees and herbal plants closely related to citrus. Also known as Huanglongbing, or yellow dragon disease, it is caused by the bacterium *Candidatus Liberibacter asiaticus*, which is vectored by the Asian citrus psyllid.

Stephen Brueggerhoff, AgriLife Extension horticulture agent, Brazoria County, said the quarantine represents restrictions put into place regarding the movement of plant material and all varieties known to be impacted by the disease. It is believed the disease was discovered in a residential backyard citrus variety.

The best ways to ensure that the disease does not spread to more parts of the state are prevention and early intervention, Brueggerhoff said. No one should bring in citrus plants from states where the disease and/or Asian citrus psyllid have been detected — nor from counties in Texas that are under quarantine.



THE Texas Agriculture Commissioner Sid Miller has announced that he will be hosting a brand new weekly show that will be highlighting Texas agriculture. The show entitled Texas Agriculture Matters! will make its debut January 21, 2020 on the RFD-TV network.

Beef Quality Assurance Training

WHEN: January 15, 2020 from

4:00 PM-8:00 PM

Dinner will be served.

WHERE: White's Park Community Center

295 White's Park Road

Anahuac, TX 77514

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Why am I getting this?

If you are receiving this newsletter the Hardin County AgriLife Extension Office has recognized that you are involved in agriculture in our county. Our office is striving to connect with our community better than ever before, but due to cost we will only be sending the paper copy of this newsletter out quarterly. However, we will be emailing out an electronic copy every month.

Please contact the office to update your email address, or if you know someone that would like to be added to this list, at (409) 246-5128, or by email katie.pace@ag.tamu.edu. We also welcome suggestions for upcoming newsletters!

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